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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REPORT OF US PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST
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1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY EMBASSY ACTION
NECESSARY AS RESULT SPECIFICALLY OF SYRIAN REPORT TO
GOB THAT US AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN ATTACKS IN MIDDLE
EAST. ACCURATE BULGARIAN PRESS REPORTING OF AMBASSADOR
MCCLOSKEY'S OCTOBER 13 DENIAL OF SUCH CHARGES INDICATES
GOB AWARENESS OF OUR POSITION AND SOME EFFORT AT EVEN-
HANDED PRESS TREATMENT OF ISSUE.

2. AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, AND WITHOUT MAKING SPECIAL
CALL, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO LET BULGARIAN OFFICIALS KNOW
THAT WE ARE OBSERVING CLOSELY THEIR PRESS HANDLING OF
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MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND ARE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS THAT

NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO UNFOUNDED STORIES DESIGNED TO
EXACERBATE SITUATION. WHILE SIMULTANEOUS PUBLICATION OF
US DENIAL OF SYRIAN CLAIM WAS TIMELY, AVOIDANCE OF
INITIAL CHARGE WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE. KISSINGER

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